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Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi :—" May I ask whether the information published by the Mirasidars' and Land-owners' Association in their journal that water was let down only on the morning of the 22nd July 1935 is wrong? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" If *The Mirasidar* made that statement, I am afraid it was misinformed."

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi :—" Does the Hon. Member mean that such a responsible journal as that of the Mirasidars and Land-owners made such a misstatement of facts? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" I understand that water was let down as stated here. Then there was an interval and again water was let down afterwards."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" May I know whether water from the Mettur dam was let down on 12th June 1935 to all the lands which are supposed to be irrigated in the Tanjore district? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" I want notice of that."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder :—" When letting down or stopping water, may I ask, Sir, whether the requirements of the Tanjore district alone were taken into consideration and not those of the Trichinopoly and Salem districts? "

Failure of the guaranteed quantity of water-supply to Tanjore.

* 331 *Q.*—Mr. V. Nadimuthu Pillai : Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received representations from the mirasidars of the Tanjore district complaining about the inadequate supply of water and the consequent loss of kuruvai seedlings;

(*b*) whether any enquiry has been made in respect of such complaints;

(*c*) whether the Government intend taking any action thereupon to avoid such recurrence in future;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the guaranteed supply of water has not been given from the 15th of July to the mirasidars in the Tanjore district; and if so, why; and

(*e*) whether complaints have been received about the same and, if so, what action the Government propose to take thereon?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) Yes. A copy of the reply [a] sent to the Tanjore District Delta Mirasidars' and Landowners' Association is placed on the table.

Irregular and inadequate supply of water to the old deltaic area in Tanjore.

* 332 *Q.*—Mr. G. Ranganatha Mudaliyar : Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been received from the mirasidars of Tanjore district, complaining about the inadequate and

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 322–323 infra.